

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 6, 2022

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 68:32-35

*HYMN "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" #585

*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Loving God, at times we don't feel very special. We see other people who seem to be so much more talented, more faithful, more loving. In comparison, all we can see in ourselves are our weaknesses and shortcomings. And yet, we know that you consider us precious enough to die for. Remind us of your love, O Lord, Despite our sin, claim us to be your people once more. Amen. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 2:9-10

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT (Unison): Luke 8:11-15

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 18:17-22
2 Samuel 6:16-20

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" #289

SERMON "Growing Apart"

*HYMN "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" #79

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Refugee Re-Settlement

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(back cover of hymnal)

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #626

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Confession of 1967 (insert)

*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) Proverbs 3:3-6
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

*CLOSING SONG "This Is the Day" #590

(* If you are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leading worship this morning:
Scripture Reader: Julie M.
Minute for Mission: Sally P.

Today's Affirmation of Faith comes from the Confession of 1967, written by American Presbyterians in response to a turbulent time and to address the challenges of the modern world.

The deacons will meet after worship.

The Nominating Committee will meet after worship.

Join us in the fellowship hall after worship to pack food for the students of Longmore Academy!

Old Union's annual congregational meeting will be held after worship next week. Join us to elect new officers, receive financial reports, and vote on the pastor's terms of call. Please pick up an informational packet in the lobby to help you prepare.

We will enjoy a fellowship dinner after the congregational meeting next week. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

Consider including an international student from PRISM in your family Thanksgiving gathering! Call 412-683-0342 or go to pghcommission.org/holiday-hosting to learn more.

The Evans City Food Cupboard is collecting Christmas Goodies, candy, cookies etc. for November.

It is time to think about the Christmas Cookie Sale. Sign-up sheets for bakers and buyers are in the lobby now. Please consider baking for Old Union's last 2022 fundraiser! As a reference for what we may need, collectively, we made 300 dozen cookies last year. Deadline to order cookies is Dec. 2. Costs for cookie trays (4 doz) is \$26, for boxes (2 doz) is \$13.

Special Prayers of Concern:

Bonnie S.
Louise S.
Betty L.
Joan T.
Howard B.
Dolly K.
Rose F.
Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers:

Sharon Kandel, South Sudan

Military:

Jeremy H.
Matthew David M.
Justin T.
Scott F.
Frank D.
Michael S.
Glen P.
Will B.
Jacob H.
Christian C.
Ryan W.
Hunter M.
Christopher H.
Arthur B.
Kevin E.
Danner C.
Daniel B.
Spencer K.
Alex T.

THE CONFESSION OF 1967

(Excerpts)

Jesus Christ is God with man.
He is the eternal Son of the Father,
 who became man and lived among us
 to fulfill the work of reconciliation.
He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit
 to continue and complete his mission.
Therefore the church calls men to be reconciled
 to God and to one another.

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world
 as his reconciling community.
This community, the church universal,
 is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares his labor of healing the enmities
 which separate men from God and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission
 and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The church maintains continuity
 with the apostles and with Israel
 by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus
 Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His life as man involves the church in the common life of men.
His service to men commits the church
 to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
 to all the sufferings of mankind
 so that it sees the face of Christ
 in the faces of men in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
 God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and
 the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
 the church sees the promise of God's renewal
 of man's life in society
 and of God's victory over all wrong.